[7th April 1955

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know, Sir, why the L.I.M. course was abolished? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, it was abolished with a view to have a uniform standard of medical education."

Number of Lino machines in the Government Press, Madras.

* 289 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of Lino machines in the Government Press, Madras;

(*b*) the strength of mechanics working in the Lino department for each shift;

(*c*) the number of Lino machines that are not working and the reasons therefor;

(*d*) the amount spent towards the local purchase of Lino spares and matrices from 1st January to 1st October 1954; and

(*e*) whether Lino spares, etc., were received from the United Kingdom recently and if so, the year in which the indent was made for the same?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) *to* (*e*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Could not an arrangement be made to have the Lino machines repaired by experienced men locally and would Government take steps to see that the machines are put into operation by carrying out the repairs locally? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I do not know whether they could be repaired locally. I shall ascertain that fact and see if the machines could be repaired and commissioned for work."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I respectfully draw the attention of the Hon. Minister to this fact that in the answer placed on the table it is stated that two Head mechanics are in charge of the Lino department, whereas in a similar statement placed on the table of the House some time back it was stated that there was only one mechanic for the Lino department. The Budget shows no provision at all for a mechanic in that department. May I request the Hon. Minister to examine this discrepancy and rectify it and see that proper mechanics are provided for the department to keep the machines in working order? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir. I shall certainly have it looked into. There might have been some discrepancy somewhere. I shall ask the department to explain this and I am sure there will be sufficient provision made for the necessary number of mechanics."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 979 *infra*.